

Church Council Meeting
Immanuel Lutheran Church
August 13, 2019

Members present: Paul Nelson, Paul Savereide, Tami Ehlers, Beth Hansen, Pat Hammer, Lesley Greep, Scott Anderson, Erin Heilman, Anne Walbrun, Jeannie DeRemer, Dana Connett, Cari Larsen, Tammy Vergeront, Jody Ebert, Jerry Martin, Kris Heinzen, Ben Orton

Thanks to Tami for the treats.

Jeannie DeRemer gave devotions.

Lesley Greep related her faith story.

Secretary's report: Erin Heilman moved to approve the minutes as corrected, second by Jeannie DeRemer, the motion passed.

Financial Secretary's report: The attendance report showed slightly lower attendance than last year. Giving is slightly over halfway to budget (52.9%).

Treasurer's report: July giving trailed budget but was higher than last year. Total pledges for the Building Up campaign are at \$633,663.00.

Staff reports:

Tammy Vergeront: Painting in the Sunday school rooms and back hallway is progressing and will be completed by the beginning of Sunday school. Floors will be done next week. Cabinetry in classrooms is ordered. Parking lot repair is complete. Windows have been replaced; a new skylight for Luther hall is coming. Roof repair came in \$3500 under the estimate. This money will be spent on gutters to alleviate water damage.

Memorials, family's preference, have paid for new water fountains.

Paul Nelson: Immanuel has had six baptisms, two funerals, and two weddings since the last council meeting. Bingo callers include Pastor Kelly from Redeemer. Backpacking trip went very well, all three groups had great experiences. The national church gathering voted that the ELCA should become a sanctuary denomination.

We welcomed Judy Miller and Bev Osekowsky, our synod delegates. They reported on work done at the Minneapolis synod meeting. A notable resolution changed maternity/paternity leave from 6 weeks to 12 weeks (this is a recommendation, not a requirement). Excellent speakers rounded out the meeting. We discussed publicizing the meeting and resolutions to the congregation and council, perhaps in the Monday morning email.

Committee reports:

Cari Larsen–Social Concerns-school supply collection is wrapping up, please donate. Preparing for Sheridan’s Story this next school year. Taco Tuesday is coming up.

Lesley Greep- Fellowship-preparing for the PROP Bingo event and the Tent meeting (barbecue follows).

Kris Heinzen- Middle School- 35 kids went to Camp Wapogasset in July, had a great time. Pool parties for confirmation are taking place. Confirmation resumes on September 11.

Anne Walbrun- Evangelism- tables of 8 kickoff is September 22. Bingo event is well-staffed with willing volunteers. Thanks to all who make this event go so smoothly.

Jody Ebert- Adult Faith Formation- will meet next week; women’s group has been active, as has the SALT group.

Erin Heilman- Children’s Ministry- VBS was a success, 110 kids attended, 60% of the kids are not members.

Ben Orton – Stewardship- this year’s theme is everyday generosity, looking for volunteer speakers. November 3 is Stewardship Sunday.

Dana Connett- Senior High- new student leaders will be trained this weekend, October 27 is Confirmation Sunday. Confirmation retreat is scheduled for November. High School mission trip was to West Virginia, a very good experience.

Scott Anderson– Property- Fall cleanup will take place after the leaves fall.

President’s report- Beth thanked all for their input on the LIRS email, all positive responses. Dedicated accounts will be revisited. All council members are asked to assist at the Tent meeting, ushering, greeting, parking, etc.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer.

Pat Hammer, council secretary